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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/771,519	Applicant(s) LIU ET AL. sf	
	Examiner Geoffrey Akers	Art Unit 3625	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 June 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-67 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-67 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This action is issued in response to applicant's Amendment filed 6/25/04.
2. All independent claims 1,21,41 were amended. New claims 61-67 were added.
3. Claims 1-67 as amended, are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. Claims 1-67 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Craig(US Pat. No: 6,513,112) in view of Hotti(US Pat. No: 6,144,941).

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5. Regarding claims 1-67, Craig teaches a method of executing a statement to manipulate data stored in a data store connected to a computer(Abstract)(col 2 lines 11-49). Craig teaches catalog server objects that manage the configuration information(Abstract) in one or more databases. Craig teaches a client/table catalog server architecture(Fig 2) and client table objects working with catalog server objects(Fig 5) and call sequences flowchart for operational flow associated with client table objects and associated transactions(Fig 7)(Fig 8).Craig also teaches that the client table object communicates with the catalog server objects to access configuration information stored in data stores on one or more computer systems and that the catalog server objects may be local or remote(col 3 lines 16-22).Craig also teaches that this process takes place over a computer network(col 3 line 35-col 4 line 2) such as the Internet(col 3 line 43) or a local area network(col 3 line 43).Craig teaches component object model catalogs(col 4 lines 33-34) and components which may be created as objects which consist of data and software to manipulate the data for use by other

applications(col 4 lines 45-48). Craig also teaches table objects which provides a requester with access to underlying data(col 5 lines 61-62).Craig teaches identification of all catalog databases(col 6 lines 9-19) and the catalog server communicating with the data store(col 11 lines 53-58) and call sequence flowcharts(col 15 line 40-col 16 line 67). Hotti teaches receiving a statement for a transaction where the statement works on objects(Abstract)(col 1 line 3-col 4 line 9).Hotti teaches transactions between an application software section(Fig 3/32) and a database(Fig 3/33) which also includes a database management interface(Fig 3/34a) and instruction interface(Fig 3/34b) and a process controller(Fig 3/34) in order to maintain a localized database and a master database. Hotti further teaches the application section creates transactions(col 6 line 26) which comprise statements and which modify the contents of the database(col 6 lines 26-28).Hotti also teaches that the statements are stored in the database and the parameters relating to those statements are also stored there(col 6 lines 31-33).Hotti further teaches that there may be parameters which relate to each transaction and which may be permanently saved in the same database with the transaction(col 6 lines 33-37). Hotti further teaches that a process controller can directly process the statements in database language that can belong to the transaction(col 7 lines 21-22).Hotti further teaches e-commerce transactions(col 7 lines 43-col 8 line 57). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Craig in view of Hotti to teach the disclosure. The motivation to combine is to teach a method of manipulating data in a database for private transaction as enunciated by Hotti(col 4 lines 11-16).

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection necessitated by applicant's amendment to the independent claims.

Conclusion

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant's amendment necessitated new grounds of rejection.

8. Any questions concerning this communication should be addressed to the primary examiner of record, Dr. Geoffrey Akers, P.E., who can be reached between 6:30 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday at 703-306-5844. If attempts to contact the primary examiner are unsuccessful, the primary examiner's superior, Mrs. Wynn Coggins, SPE, may be telephoned at (703)-308-1344.

The fax number for Formal or Official faxes and Draft or Informal faxes to Technology Center 3600 or this Art Unit is (703)-308-3687. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)-308-1113.

October 31, 2004



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PRIMARY EXAMINER